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RIO MISSION:

The Rebuild Iowa Office will lead the State of Iowa's efforts to rebuild safer, stronger and smarter in the wake of the 2008 severe storms and catastrophic flooding.

RIO VISION:

We envision a resilient Iowa that will be safe, sustainable and economically strong for its people, reaffirming its ties to the land, rivers, environment and rich cultural history.

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REBUILD IOWA ADVISORY COMMISSION TO MEET MARCH 23 IN DES MOINES

The Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission (RIAC) will meet Monday, March 23, from noon to 4 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Iowa Department for the Blind, 524 Fourth Street in Des Moines.

During the meeting, Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO) staff will review the status of recommendations made in the RIAC's 120-day Report, provide an update on community and regional recovery outreach and discuss the Office's coordination of long-term recovery activities from the 2008 storms and floods. The RIAC will also discuss its future role in the recovery effort. The complete meeting agenda is available on the RIO Web site.

The RIAC is a 17-member non-partisan Commission



RIAC members (from left) Mike Earley, Mike King and Mark Wandro submit the 120-Day Report for Iowa's long-term recovery last November.

appointed by the Governor. The RIAC was established on June 27, 2008, in the same Executive Order that established the RIO to coordinate all state recovery activities related to the 2008 summer disasters. RIAC members assist the RIO and the Governor in providing the vision, creativity and

leadership to identify, prioritize and address the short- and long-term recovery issues. The Commission reports to Lt. General Ron Dardis, executive director of the RIO. For more information about the RIAC or RIO, visit www.rio.iowa.gov.

NINE DISASTER RECOVERY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

Nine disaster recovery infrastructure projects in cities affected by the 2008 storms and flooding were announced Wednesday, including a \$1.1 million dam replacement project in Waverly.

The projects, approved by the Iowa Department of Economic Development

(IDED), provide \$9.1 million in federal funding. The projects are part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Infrastructure Program through IDED.

Cities and counties in Presidential Disaster Declaration Counties can still apply for the program.

Projects must address a need arising from the 2008 disaster, serve as the best alternative to address the need and meet a national objective under the CDBG program. If a project does not meet the national objective of primarily benefiting persons of low

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NEW PROVISIONS FOR THE FEDERAL COMMUNITY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM

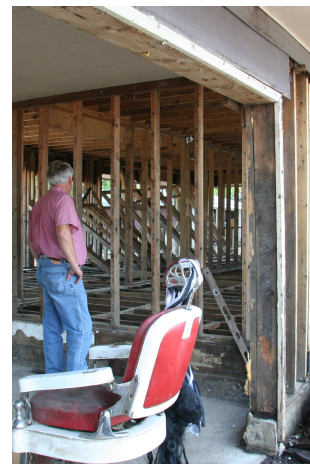
Federal passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act could benefit Iowa's disaster-affected communities due to revised provisions to FEMA's Community Disaster Loan (CDL) program.

Local governments experiencing a major disaster in calendar year 2008 could be eligible to receive a CDL if that community suffered a loss of 25% or more in tax revenues due to the disaster. Under the new guidelines, communities who have already received

the CDL could receive additional funds through a second supplemental loan. Other communities who feel they could be eligible are encouraged to contact the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division (HSEMD).

Communities could receive a loan for up to 50% of the operating budget for the fiscal year of the disaster. The traditional CDL program's \$5 million cap on assistance no longer applies.

Tax revenue loss percentage is determined by subtracting the actual tax revenue from the pre-disaster tax revenue estimates. Tax revenues include property tax, sales tax, income tax or any other locally imposed tax. All other revenues including user fees, charges for services, permits, federal per capita grants and interest revenues cannot be considered. Calculation of revenue is done through the date the most recent tax revenue data is available.



COMMUNITY DISASTER GRANT UPDATE

Updated allocations for the state's Community Disaster Grants established by HF 64 are available on the HSEMD Web site.

To view the new allocations for cities and counties, visit iowahomelandsecurity.org

Deadline for application remains April 1.

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and moderate income, it could potentially meet the national objective of meeting an urgent need in a community. The maximum grant amount per project is \$2.5 million.

There is no application deadline at this time, and communities interested can find more information at <http://www.iowalifechanging.com/jumpstart/index.html> under "Jumpstart Federal Infrastructure Assistance."

Four projects will receive funding through 2008 CDBG Contingency/Imminent Threat Funds totaling \$2,504,075:

1) City of Waverly
Project Description: Removal of an existing dam structure and replacing with an inflatable rubber dam.

2) City of Keosauqua
Project Description: Wastewater and stormwater improvements.

3) City of Shenandoah
Project Description: Removal and replacement of 1,800 LF of storm sewer with accompanying intakes and junction boxes.

4) City of Essex
Project Description: Replacement of 3,300 LF of 12" main sanitary sewer line and nine (9) manholes.

Five projects will receive funding through 2008 CDBG Supplemental Disaster Recovery Funds totaling \$6,600,000:

1) City of Des Moines
Project Description: Installation of emergency power back-up generators at storm water pump stations in Birdland and Central Place areas.

2) City of Des Moines
Project Description: Lining of storm sewers in the Indianola Hills neighborhood.

3) City of Des Moines
Project Description: Lining of sanitary sewer in the Highland Hills neighborhood.

4) City of Centerville
Project Description: Removal and replacement of existing 70-year-old storm sewer system with new system, including new pavement and sidewalk as necessary for demolition and construction process.

5) City of Farragut
Project Description: Construction of an underground pumping station. No storm water system exists in Farragut at this time.

